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Remarks

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1-18 are presented herein. Independent claims 1 and 11 are amended herein. It is believed that the amendments to independent claims 1 and 11 and their respective dependent claims distinguish over the documents of record.

Nowhere does Holloway et al., nor any of the other documents, teach sending a proposal to a terminal:

wherein the proposal comprises possible call forward targets of the at least one other communication system outside a home network of the terminal; and if the proposal is accepted, automatically setting up a redirection of calls to the terminal to the at least one other communication system

as recited in claim 1 as amended herein. Likewise, Holloway et al. and the other cited documents do not teach or disclose a data transmission connection capable of transmitting the address of at least one other communication system as a proposal to a terminal:

wherein the proposal comprises possible call forward targets of the at least one other communication system outside a home network of the terminal, said first communication system being capable of automatically setting up a redirection of calls to the terminal to the at least one other communication system if the proposal is accepted

as recited in claim 11 as amended herein. It is therefore believed that claims 1-18 are novel and unobvious over the cited documents. Support for the amendments may be found at least on pages 1-2, paragraphs [0006] through [0009] and/or page 3, paragraphs [0022] through [0027] of the present application as published (US 2004/0043776). No new matter has been added.

It is noted that claimed subject matter may be patentably distinguished from the cited documents for additional reasons; however, the foregoing is believed to be sufficient. Likewise, it is noted that the Assignee's failure to comment directly upon any

of the positions asserted by the Examiner in the office action does not indicate agreement or acquiescence with those asserted positions.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested. Reconsideration of the present patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3703.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, Kenneth J. Cool, at (720) 227-9445 if there remains any issue with allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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